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NAME.

SECTION 1. (1) This Association shall be called the NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the National game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the professional base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of twelve clubs (*the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years*) located in the following named cities, to wit: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago; or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership, as may be hereinafter provided for; *but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.*

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4. Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its

rights and franchises, as a member of the League, to some other city or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club, as a member of this League. Provided, also, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations, entered into by it to this League, until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted to membership unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, and accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Section 4.

(2) By failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.

(5) By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) By disbandment of its organization or club team during the championship season.

(7) By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

(8) By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the specified default or offense and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe; and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April of each year, the sum of \$100 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also

all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution and the playing rules of this League.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President and a Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violation of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. *He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the championship season.* He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as a schedule committee, unless said meeting shall otherwise direct.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty days thereafter, elect a President.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments; make such payments, as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts; and he shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 13. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall also prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 14. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 15. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for, and deliver up to the Board, all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

SEC. 16. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and four other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, two of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member, at the time he was chosen, shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 12.

QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 18. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors, nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 19. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 20. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting; which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary; together with all official papers, documents and property, which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 21. The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, including the award of the championship and such other duties expressedly or impliedly conferred upon them by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the playing rules or other rules of discipline, unless the League, by a three-fourths vote of its club membership, shall otherwise direct. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal to hear and determine disputes between clubs; complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or fact arising out of this Constitution; the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 22. The Board shall adopt such regulations, and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before them. Where such dispute is in relation to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proofs must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the Board, who shall send a copy of the same to the other clubs, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President of the Board shall in the first instance decide the dispute on its merits and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, either of which may within five days appeal from said decision to the full Board. Said decision, together with all other documents and proofs, shall thereupon be transmitted for a mail vote to the different members of the Board. *The finding of the Board shall be final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 23. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball; and shall have power to require the club, to which such player or manager may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided

that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 24. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Board of Directors, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

SEC. 25. The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended, or disciplined by his club. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension, or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board the club, by its duly authorized representative; and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 26. The Board shall have authority to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by their findings and decisions, and they may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 27. Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs; to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination; but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution; or the Playing Rules of this League.

PUNISHMENT OF SCANDALOUS CONDUCT.

SEC. 28. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency, or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, where the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or National Game. Such fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 29. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits; and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, without the consent of the local League club.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 30th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players, not exceeding eighteen, whose services it desires to retain for the ensuing season, and who are then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons; and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, namely; players who

have been secured by purchase or draft under the National Agreement for future services shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club *shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him.* The Secretary shall promulgate such lists.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 31. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services.

CONTRACTS.

SEC. 32. Contracts made between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs of the League.

SEC. 33. The League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. The ten days' release, provided for in the seventeenth paragraph of the League form of contract, shall begin to run from the time of notice thereof received by the Secretary of the League, who shall, at once, promulgate the same to all club members. At the expiration of said ten days the player, so released, shall be eligible to contract with the releasing club, or any other club member.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 34. Any player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, or suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

SEC. 35. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any

League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 36. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 37. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 38. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall *be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club*, unless such disqualification shall be removed by a three-fourths vote of the League.

UMPIRES.

SEC. 39. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

I. Each application shall set forth, under oath, the age, residence, sobriety, experience, and such other qualifications of the applicant as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the Secretary, endorsed by well known gentlemen intimately acquainted with the applicant.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the Secretary shall make inquiries and post himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

II. They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract be-

tween them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

But at least ten per cent. of current salaries shall be withheld by the Secretary until the termination of his contract for that season to secure such deductions for absences and the payment of such fines as may be lawfully imposed.

III. In the event of the failure of an Umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game; and in such case there shall be deducted from the next annual payment to the Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

IV. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as Umpire for any championship game such Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of the League Umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game each Club Captain shall then select one of the substitute players of the opposing club, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized Umpires for that game.

V. It shall be the duty of Umpires to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the Secretary's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution; obey all orders of the Secretary, assigning their services and wear such uniform on the Playing Field as he may designate.

SUPERVISOR OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 40. A Supervisor of Umpires may be chosen by the League at an annual or special meeting to serve for one year unless sooner removed by the League or the Board of Directors for incompetency, malfeasance in office, or other just cause. His compensation shall be fixed by the League prior to his acceptance of the office.

I. He shall supervise and inspect the work and conduct of the Umpires and report frequently to the Secretary as to their efficiency and fidelity.

II. All complaints against Umpires shall be referred to him for investigation. Complaints as to errors of judgment on questions of play will ordinarily require little consideration, but if repeatedly made and from various sources

against the same Umpire so as to indicate incompetency, then the Supervisor shall proceed to collect all available evidence on the subject and verify it, if possible by his own personal observation, and report the facts and his views thereon, to the Secretary, who may suspend or remove such Umpire and substitute the next in order on the Waiting List. If a complaint be for error of interpretation of the Playing Rules the evidence shall be collected, the alleged offender furnished with a copy thereof, which with his statement in reply, together with the Supervisor's views thereon, shall be submitted to the Secretary for such action as he may deem fit and appropriate.

If the complaint be for a wilful violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules, or for any improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct while officiating as an Umpire, then, after collecting all the evidence by affidavits, or otherwise, he shall make a personal investigation of the truth of the complaint in the city where it originated, and elsewhere if necessary, giving both sides a hearing and reporting his finding to the Secretary.

If such finding sustain the complaint, the Secretary shall inflict a penalty of at least Fifty Dollars upon the offender, and may also suspend or remove him, as the aggravation of the offense justifies, and substitute in his place the next in order on the Waiting List.

III. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to include in his Reports all testimony affecting the language, conduct and behavior of players in violation of this Constitution and the legislation in pursuance thereof or of the Playing Rules, copies of which testimony shall be at once forwarded to such players and also referred to the proper tribunals for appropriate action thereon under existing Rules.

PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 42. The championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club; but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain or other causes shall be played off on the same ground on the next or a succeeding date of the same or subsequent series, whether open or scheduled for another game between the same clubs, thus compelling double games for said scheduled date. If, however, both series shall have terminated, such postponed game must be played off on the ground of the other club on a date open or scheduled during a subsequent series between the same clubs.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45; and in all the details of such games, that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under

similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to an open date on the same grounds; or (2) as provided in Section 45; or (3) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the National League and American Association, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

THE ADMISSION FEES AND RECEIPTS.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty (50) cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated official of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

SEC. 49. Out of the funds of this League now in the hands of the Secretary he shall create a Sinking Fund not to exceed \$12,000, which shall be invested in Government bonds,

All other funds shall be placed in the treasury to meet current expenses.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the Umpires and the necessary employees of the home club, and representatives of newspapers published in some other city in which a League club is located; such representative to be identified by holding a ticket signed by the President of the League and countersigned by the President of the club located in the city where the paper represented is published. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business substantial pasteboard tickets, which can be readily counted.

GROUND ENTRANCES.

SEC. 51. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; provided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city in time, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said

train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings on each side have been played, and the Umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT ADMISSION CHECKS.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before completion of five innings, the home club may issue admission checks good for the next succeeding game. If such checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if such checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the Umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any Playing Rule. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars as may be imposed by the Board of Directors after a hearing held within one week from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the *captain or manager*, or the person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, *shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars*, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within ten days after being imposed, the club and player cannot participate in a championship game.

DRAWN GAMES

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 45.

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and Umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

- (1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.
- (2) Forfeited games.

(3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at 2 o'clock P. M., and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

SEC. 59. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 60. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall, if requested by any other club representative, present a certificate of their appointment duly attested by at least two officers of their club showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SEC. 61. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives.

QUORUM.

SEC. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When obtained it may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room, the appointment of door-keepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

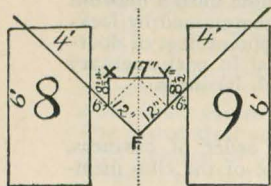
1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

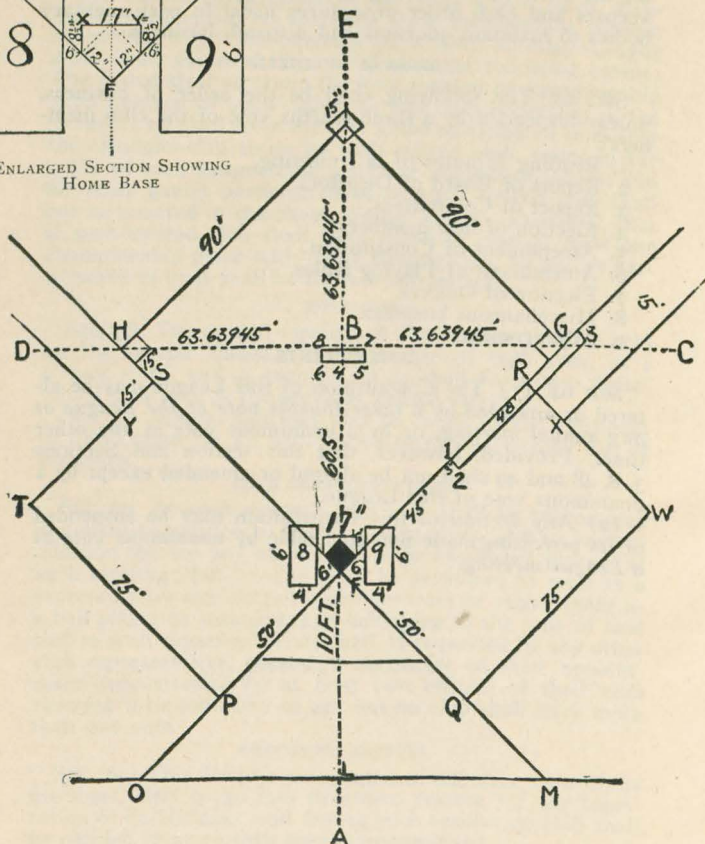
SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a *three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting*, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by *unanimous vote at a League meeting*.

CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL FIELD



ENLARGED SECTION SHOWING
HOME BASE



NOTE.—For Specifications See Rules From No. 2 to No. 12

The Official Playing Rules

OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS

As Adopted by the National League and American Association
of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Alterations and additions to the rules are indicated by *Italics*.



RULE 1.—THE BALL GROUND.

The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these rules

RULE 2.

To lay off the lines governing the positions and the play of the game known as Base Ball, proceed as follows:

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a right line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

RULE 3.—THE CATCHER'S LINES.

With F as centre and 10 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A, and continue same out from F A not less than 10 feet.

RULE 4.—THE FOUL LINE.

From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L O, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

RULE 5.—THE PLAYERS' LINES.

With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and F M at P and Q; then, with F as centre again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points T and W.

RULE 6.—THE CAPTAIN AND COACHER'S LINE.

With R and S as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines R W and S T at X and Y, and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

RULE 7.—THE THREE FOOT LINE.

With F as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F G at 1, and from 1 out to the distance of 3 feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point 3 feet beyond the point G, and marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with line F G, and from thence back along line G F to point 1.

RULE 8.—THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

With point F as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at a point 4, and draw a line 5, 6, perpendicular thereto, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 9.—THE BASES.

Within the angle F describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line F B $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points X and Y, a straight line between which—17 inches—will form the front of the plate, and within the angles G and H, describe squares the sides of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines F G and G I and F H and H I, and at the angle E describe a square whose sides shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with G I and I H, and its centre immediately over the angular point E.

RULE 10.—THE BATSMAN'S LINE.

On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their length being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being 6 inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE 11.

The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must be of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface.

RULE 12.

The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third

Base at H must be of white canvas bags, filled with soft material and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13.

The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 must be marked with lime, chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the umpire.

RULE 14.—THE BALL.*

SECTION 1. Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and it must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two regulation balls shall be furnished by the home club to the umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground and out of sight of the umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost a new one must be substituted, so that the umpire shall at all times after the game begins have two balls in his possession and ready for use. The moment an umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher, it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise. In the event of a new ball being intentionally discolored, or otherwise injured by a player, the umpire shall, upon appeal from the captain of the opposite side, forthwith demand the return of that ball, and shall substitute another new ball and impose a fine of \$5.00 upon the offending player.

SEC. 3. In all games the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last ball in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the League, inclosed in a paper box, and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken, except by the umpire, in the presence of the captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

The home club shall have, at least, a dozen regulation balls on the field ready for use on the call of the umpire during each championship game.

*The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past twenty-five years and readopted in 1902 for five years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become cut or ripped so as to expose the interior, or in any way so injured as to be, in the opinion of the umpire, unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new ball.

RULE 15.—THE BAT.

Must be entirely of hard wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine or a granulated substance supplied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, and it must not exceed two and three-quarter inches in diameter in the thickest part, nor exceed forty-two inches in length.

RULE 16.—THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17.

The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their captain, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, must take his position as defined in Rules 8 and 29; and the catcher must stand within the lines of his position as defined in Rule 3, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat, and within ten feet of the home base.

RULE 18.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats on the stands, or to stand among the spectators.

RULE 19.

SECTION 1. Every club shall adopt uniforms for its players, and the suits of each team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in the game.

SEC. 2. The catcher and first baseman are permitted to wear a glove or mit of any size, shape or weight. All other players are restricted to the use of a glove or mit weighing not over ten ounces, and measuring in circumference, around the palm of the hand, not over fourteen inches.

RULE 20.—PLAYERS' BENCHES.

SECTION 1. The players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting club, and

one for the exclusive use of the home club. The benches must be covered by a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left just under the roof for ventilation. All players of the side at bat must be seated on their bench, except such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners, and also the batsman, except when called to the bat by the umpire, and under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person, except managers and players in uniform to occupy seats on the benches.

SEC. 2. To enforce this rule the captain of the other side may call the attention of the umpire to a violation, whereupon the umpire shall immediately order such player or players to be seated. If the order is not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order is not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 21.—THE GAME.

SECTION 1. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that

(a.) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b.) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 22.—A TIE GAME.

If the score be a tie at the end of the nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that the side last at the bat scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 23.—A DRAWN GAME.

A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; except when the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, in which case the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 24.—A CALLED GAME.

If the umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, but if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of innings, or before the completion of its unfinished inning one or more runs than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 25.—A FORFEITED GAME.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game, be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing within one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory movements to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the umpire, any one of the rules of the game is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 20, 53 and 59, said order is not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of removal of players from the game by the umpire, there be less than nine players in either team.

SEC. 8. If, when two games are scheduled to be played on the same afternoon, the second game is not commenced within ten minutes of the time of completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 9. In case the umpire declares the game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the president of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the president shall not affect his decision declaring the game forfeited.

RULE 26.—NO GAME.

"No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness before five innings on each side are completed. Except in a case when the game is called, and the club second at bat shall have more runs at the

end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five completed innings; in such case the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a legal game and be so counted in the championship record.

RULE 27.—SUBSTITUTES.

SECTION 1. In any championship game each side shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team mates, a sufficient number of substitute players to carry out the provision which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any innings of a game.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but a player thereby retired shall not thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The base-runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by the consent of the captains of the contesting teams.

RULE 28.—CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain, but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain.

RULE 29.—THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the pitcher's plate; but in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate, defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

RULE 30.—A FAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

A Fairly Delivered Ball to the bat is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman, the ball so delivered to pass over any portion of the home base not lower than the batsman's knee nor higher than his shoulder, *in which case the umpire shall call one strike.*

RULE 31.—AN UNFAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over any portion of the home base, or does pass over the home base, above the batsman's shoulder or below the line of his knee, in which case the umpire shall call one ball.

RULE 32.—DELAYING THE GAME.

SECTION 1. If the ball is thrown by the pitcher to any player

other than the catcher (except to retire a base-runner) *after* the batsman is standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, each ball so delivered shall be called a ball.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman when in position for a longer period than twenty seconds, *excepting that in the case of the first batsman in each inning, the pitcher may occupy not more than one minute in delivering not to exceed five balls to a baseman.*

RULE 33.—BALKING.

A Balk shall be :

SECTION I. Any motion made by the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat or to first base without delivering it.

SEC. 2. The throwing of the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base-runner without first stepping directly towards said base immediately before throwing the ball.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while his (pivot) foot is not in contact with the pitcher's plate, and he is not facing the batsman, as defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 4. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 5. Standing in position and making any motion to pitch without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 6. The making of any motion the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without his immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 7. If the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher fails to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule the umpire must call "A balk."

RULE 34.—DEAD BALLS.

A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at, or that touches any part of the umpire's person or clothing while he is standing on foul ground without first passing the catcher.

RULE 35.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught out, dead ball, or base-runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called play.

RULE 36.—BLOCK BALLS.

SECTION I. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and the base-runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire should call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

RULE 37.—THE BATSMAN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

The batsmen must take their position within the batsman's lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the captains of the opposing teams to the umpire before the game, and this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 38.

SECTION 1. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench, as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, except when called to the bat or they become coaches or substitute base-runners; provided, that the captain or one player only, except that if two or more base-runners are occupying the bases then the captain and one player, or two players, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captain's lines to coach base-runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side "at bat," except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between, the pitcher and catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it.

RULE 39.—THE BATTING RULES.

SECTION 1. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the batsman—

while he is standing within the lines of his position—that first touches "fair" ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on fair ground, and then settles on fair ground before passing the line of first or third base.

SEC. 2. A Foul Hit is a similarly batted ball that first touches "foul" ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on "foul" ground.

SEC. 3. Should such "fair hit" ball bound or roll to foul ground, before passing the line of first or third base, and settle on foul ground, it shall be declared by the umpire a foul ball.

SEC. 4. Should such "foul hit" ball bound or roll to fair ground and settle there before passing the line of first or third base, it shall be declared by the umpire a fair ball.

RULE 40.

A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position that goes foul sharp from the bat to the catcher's hands.

RULE 41.

A bunt hit is a ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman who, while standing within the lines of his position, makes a deliberate attempt to hit the ball so slowly within the infield that it cannot be fielded in time to retire the batsman. If such a "bunt hit" goes to foul ground a strike shall be called by the umpire.

RULE 42.—BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the umpire shall decide if Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the foul lines, and Rule 39 is to be construed accordingly.

RULE 43.

A fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except, that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, when he shall be entitled to two bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

RULE 44.—STRIKES.

A strike is:

SECTION 1. A ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or,

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman.

SEC. 3. A foul hit ball not caught on the fly, unless two strikes have already been called.

SEC. 4. A "bunt hit" which sends the ball to foul ground either directly or by bounding or rolling from fair ground to foul ground and which settles on foul ground.

SEC. 5. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. A foul tip by the batsman, caught by the catcher while standing within the lines of his position.

RULE 45.

A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.

RULE 46.—THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

The Batsman is out :

SECTION 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman takes his position before a time "at bat" is recorded, and, in such case, the bails and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman, and only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman, provided, this rule shall not take effect unless the out is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should batsman declared out by this rule be sufficient to retire the side, the proper batsman the next innings is the player who would have come to bat had the players been out by ordinary play.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a foul hit other than a foul tip, as defined in Rule 40, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground ; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touched by some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a foul strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the player.

SEC. 6. If, while the first base be occupied by a base-runner, three strikes be called on him by the umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall return as prescribed in Rule 50, section 5.

SEC. 8. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an infielder while first and second bases are occupied, or first, second and third unless two hands are out. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball is hit, declare infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike is called in accordance with section 5, Rule 44.

SEC. 10. The moment a batsman is declared out by the

umpire, he (the umpire) shall call for the batsman next in order to leave his seat on the bench and take his position at the bat, and such player of the batting side shall not leave his seat on the bench until so called to bat, except as provided by Rule 38, section 1, and Rule 53.

BASE-RUNNING RULES.

RULE 47.—WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE-RUNNER.

The Batsman becomes a Base-Runner.

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. *If, while he be a batsman, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a ball from the pitcher, unless in the opinion of the umpire he plainly avoids making any effort to get out of the way of the ball from the pitcher and thereby permits himself to be so hit.*

SEC. 5. If, while he be a batsman, the catcher interferes with him, preventing him from striking the ball.

RULE 48.—BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

The base-runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., first, second, third and home bases, and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game until the base-runner preceding him in the batting list (provided there has been such a base-runner who has not been put out in that inning) shall have first touched home base without being put out.

RULE 49.—ENTITLED TO BASES.

The base-runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while he was batsman, the umpire called four balls.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, and the base-runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire calls a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball, delivered by the pitcher, pass the catcher, and touch the umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, unless the latter be a fielder having the ball in his hand ready to meet the base-runner.

SEC. 7. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his uniform except his gloved hand.

RULE 50.—RETURNING TO BASES.

The base-runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares a foul tip (as defined in Rule 40), or any other foul hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares a foul strike.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 49, section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire interferes with the catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base-runner.

SEC. 5. The base-runner shall return to his base if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

RULE 51.—WHEN BASE-RUNNERS ARE OUT.

The Base-Runner is Out:

SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while batsman, and the catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or any object other than a fielder; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared three strikes on him while batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touches first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he runs outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he runs more than

three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying the base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of the path, and behind said fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball; PROVIDED, that if two or more fielders come in contact with one or more of ball, and the base-runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy; PROVIDED, the ball be held by the fielder after touching him.

SEC. 10. The base-runner in running to first base may overrun said base, without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in over-running first base, he also attempts to run to second base, or after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 11. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 40) is legally caught by a fielder, such ball is legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball was struck (or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder), before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base, or touches the base-runner with it; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 12. If, when a batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases, be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following base-runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base at any time before any following base-runner is put out.

SEC. 13. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching the fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless forced

by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out.

SEC. 14. If, when running to a base, or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base, or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 48, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or being touched by the ball in the hands of the fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base or touches the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If, when the umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; PROVIDED, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder holds it on said base or touches the base-runner with it.

RULE 52.—WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE-RUNNER IS OUT.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 51, sections 10 and 14.

RULE 53.—COACHING RULES.

The Coacher shall be restricted to coaching the base-runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base-runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators, and not more than one coacher, who may be a player participating in the game, or any other player under contract to and in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time, except, that if base-runners are occupying two or more of the bases, then the captain and one player, or two players under contract to and in the uniform of either club, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captains' lines to coach base-runners. To enforce the above the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offence, and thereupon the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coachers to the bench; if his order is not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 each against the offending player or players, and, upon a repetition of the offence, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 54.—THE SCORING OF RUNS.

One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three men are put out. (Exception)—If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.**RULE 55.**

The umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a championship game, except by reason of personal illness or injury incapacitating him for the discharge of his duties.

RULE 56.

The umpire is the representative of the League, and as such shall have power to enforce every section of the code of playing rules of the game, and he shall have power to order any player, or captain, or manager, to do or omit to do, any action that he may deem necessary to give force and effect to the laws of the game.

RULE 57.

There shall be no appeal from any legal decision of the umpire.

RULE 58.

Under no circumstances shall any player be allowed to dispute a decision by the umpire, in which only an error of judgment is involved; and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except it be plainly shown by the code of rules to have been illegal; and in such case the captain alone shall be allowed to make the appeal for reversal.

RULE 59.

SECTION 1. In all cases of violation of these rules, by either a player or manager, the penalty for the first offence shall be a fine by the umpire of \$5.00, and for a second offence, a prompt removal of the offender from the game or grounds, followed by such period of suspension from actual service in the club as the president of the League may elect.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall, within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the president a report of the action and the causes therefor.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon notification by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the president shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member, and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days of notice, he shall be de-

barred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine is paid.

SEC. 4. When the offence of the player debarred from the game is of such a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall, within four hours thereafter, notify the president of the League, giving full particulars.

SEC. 5. He shall also notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be impartially enforced, and that their failing to co-operate in such enforcement, will result in their being fined and, perhaps, their removal from the game.

RULE 60.

Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules

RULE 61.

The umpire shall not only call "play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, but also announce "game called" at its legal conclusion.

RULE 62.

The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes: First, if rain is falling so heavily as to oblige the spectators on the open field and open stands to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension; and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

RULE 63.

The umpire shall suspend play in case of an accident to himself or to a player which incapacitates him or them from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules.

RULE 64.

In suspending play from any legal cause, the umpire shall call "time;" when he calls "time" the play shall be suspended until he calls "play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball is held by the pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 65.

The umpire shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman, but not before such ball has passed the line of the home base. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range, as defined in Rule 44, which is not struck at by the batsman, or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher, standing within the lines of his position, or which after being struck at and not hit, strikes the person of the batsman; or when the ball is purposely hit foul by the batsman, or when the ball is bunted foul by the batsman.

RULE 66.

If but one umpire is assigned, his duties and powers shall be that of both the umpire and the assistant umpire, and he shall be permitted to occupy such positions on the field as will best enable him to discharge his duties.

RULE 67.

No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game in addition to the players in uniform, the manager of each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 68.

No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 69.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering a field during the progress of a game and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled to the game, by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

RULE 70.—GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

"Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 71.

"Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such extension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 72.

"Game" is the announcement by the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 73.

An "Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out, as provided in these rules.

RULE 74.

A "Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base-hit, advances a base-runner without resulting in a put-out, except to the batsman, as in Rule 46.

RULE 75.

"Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

SCORING.

RULE 76.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be hit by a pitched ball while standing in his position, and after trying to avoid being so hit, or in case of the pitcher's illegal delivery of the ball to the bat which gives the batsman his base, or when he intentionally hits the ball to the field, purposely to be put out, or if he is given first base on called balls.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first-base hits made by each player. A base-hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in

motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base.

When the ball is hit with such force to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. (In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base-hit and exempt the fielder from the charge of an error.)

When a ball is hit so slowly towards a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

That in all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a base-hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire as defined in Rule 49, section 5. In no case shall a base-hit be scored when a base-runner has been forced out by the play.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed the sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in putting out the batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a batsman is given out by the umpire for a foul strike, or where the batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of "out" for interference, running out of line, or infield fly dropped, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play but for the action of the base-runner or batsman.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base-runner being called out for interference or for running out of line.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows a striker or base-runner to make

one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," bases on the batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, all of which comprise battery errors, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see section 3 of this rule.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advances an extra base because of the error.

No error shall be scored against an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

STOLEN BASES.

A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he reaches the base he attempts to steal unaided by a fielding or by a battery error or a hit by the batsman.

RULE 77.

The Summary shall contain :

- SECTION 1. The score made in each innings of the game.
- SEC. 2. The number of stolen bases by each player.
- SEC. 3. The number of two-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 4. The number of three-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 5. The number of home runs made by each player.
- SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side and the names of the players assisting in the same.
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Number of Double and Triple Plays.....	(6)	77
Number of Innings Each Pitcher Pitched In.....	(7)	77
Number of Base-Hits Off Each Pitcher.....	(8)	77
Number of Batsmen Struck Out by Each Pitcher.....	(9)	77
Number of Bases on Balls by Each Pitcher.....	(10)	77
Wild Pitches.....	(11)	77
Number of Batsmen Hit by Each Pitcher.....	(12)	77
Passed Balls.....	(13)	77
Time of Game.....	(14)	77
Name of the Umpire.....	(15)	77

ADVICE TO UMPIRES.

You are the absolute master of the field from the beginning to the termination of a game. You are by these rules given full authority to order any player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which you may deem necessary to maintain your dignity and compel respect from players and spectators. (Rule 59.)

The rules are created to be enforced to the letter. If they are poor rules the fault is not yours. If they are disobeyed you are to blame.

Before "play" is called satisfy yourself that the field is correctly laid off with lines, bases and plates in proper places, and that the materials supplied for the game are as required by the rules. (Rule 60.)

Notify each captain that the rules will be enforced exactly as they are written, and that for each violation the prescribed penalty will follow. Do not in any case temporize with a rule breaker.

Make all decisions as you see them. Never attempt to "even up" after having made a mistake.

Be strict in what may seem to be trivial matters, thereby "nipping in the bud" trouble before it fully develops.

Specially observe Rules 20 and 38, which require players to occupy their respective benches; also section 6 of Rule 25, which specifies that a player ordered from the field shall go within one minute from the time you order his removal from the game.

Do not allow a player (not even a captain) to leave his position (which is the bench or coacher's box, for the captain whose side is at bat, or the regular fielding position of the captain whose side is not at bat) to argue with you. The captain only is allowed to appeal to you (and he only from his proper position) on a legal misinterpretation of the rules. If he claims that you have erred, it is proper that the spectators should know what the claim is. (Rule 58.)

Coachers have heretofore been a disturbing element to the umpire. Rule 53 provides just what his and what your duties are. These rules are mandatory, not discretionary. If you allow them to be violated you become the chief culprit and do not properly perform the duties of your position. Bear in mind that you are not responsible for the creation of the rules or the penalties prescribed by them.

The umpire who enforces the rules, maintains his dignity and compels respect, gives the fullest satisfaction to both teams and to the spectators.

Compel respect from all and your task will be an easy one.

MEETING NATIONAL LEAGUE



Meeting of the National League and American Association of
Professional Base Ball Clubs, held at the Fifth Avenue
Hotel, New York City, Tuesday Evening,
April 1, 1902.

Meeting convened at 8.40 P.M.

Present :

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston
Base Ball Association.

C. H. Ebbetts and E. Hanlon, representing the Brooklyn
Base Ball Club.

John T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

A. J. Reach and John I. Rogers, representing the Phila-
delphia Ball Club, Limited.

Barney Dreyfuss and H. C. Pulliam, representing the Pitts-
burg Athletic Company.

Andrew Freedman and Fred M. Knowles, representing the
National Exhibition Company of New York City.

Frank deH. Robison, representing the American Base Ball
and Athletic Exhibition Company of St. Louis.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

By unanimous consent Mr. N. E. Young acted as chairman
of the meeting. On motion, Mr. Hurst was elected Secretary
pro tem. On motion, it was ordered that no evening session be
held later than eleven o'clock except by unanimous consent.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and
miscellaneous business was taken up.

Mr. Young, Mr. Robison and Mr. Ebbetts presented to the
meeting schedules prepared by them.

On motion, consideration of the schedule was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, Mr. Young was appointed a Committee of One to wire various umpires for terms.

On motion, adjourned to meet April 2, 1902, at 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, *April 2*, 1902, 2.40 P.M.

Mr. Hart presented the resignation of Mr. A. G. Spalding as President of the National League. On motion, the same was received and filed and the incident closed.

The meeting then discussed some amendments to the Constitution, but no action was taken. The name of Mr. W. C. Temple was suggested by Mr. Pulliam for the position of President of the League, and, on motion, Mr. Young was directed to wire Mr. Temple that the League unanimously tendered him the presidency and whether he would accept.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8 P.M.

Met after recess at 8 P.M.

On motion, the chair appointed Mr. Soden, Mr. Pulliam and Mr. Robison a committee to receive bids for base balls for a term not exceeding five years and report to the League.

On motion, the Playing Rules were amended so as to conform to the Reach Guide, with the exception of the foul strike rules, which are to remain as now in the Playing Rules.

On motion, Mr. Young was authorized to accept as umpires, Brown, Cantillon, O'Day and Emslie.

On motion, Mr. Young, Mr. Hart, Mr. Dreyfuss and Mr. Ebbetts were appointed a committee to confer upon the schedules submitted and report back to the League to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to April 3, 1902, at 2 P.M.

THURSDAY, *April 3*, 1902, 6 P.M.

Mr. Young stated that he had received a telegram from Mr. Temple declining the presidency of the League.

On motion, the meeting took a recess until 8 P.M.

9 P.M.

Met after recess. Mr. Young tendered his resignation as President of the League, which was accepted. On motion, an Executive Board was elected with full executive power, to consist of Mr. Brush, Mr. Soden and Mr. Hart. On motion, Section II of the Constitution was amended so as to add the words "*and a*" after the word "President" in the second line. On motion, Mr. Young was elected Secretary-Treasurer for 1902. On motion, it was ordered that the office of the League be moved to New York.

On motion, the Spalding ball was adopted.

On motion, when this meeting adjourns, it adjourns subject to the call of the Executive Board.

On motion, adjourned.

J. M. HURST, *Secretary pro tem.*

N. E. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

OFFICERS

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers of Clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1902 :

Executive Board

JOHN T. BRUSH, Chairman.

A. H. SODEN.

JAS. A. HART.

N. E. YOUNG, Secretary and Treasurer.

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Official National League Statistics

BATTING RECORD

Of Players Who Have Taken Part in Fifteen or More
Championship Games, Season 1901.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	H.	T. B.	Per Cent.	S. H.	S. B.
Burkett.....	St. Louis.....	142	597	139	228	314	.382	3	27
Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	138	538	106	192	285	.357	10	28
Keeler.....	Brooklyn.....	136	589	124	209	262	.355	22	31
Sheckard.....	Brooklyn.....	133	558	116	197	299	.353	3	42
Wagner.....	Pittsburg.....	141	556	100	196	273	.352	10	48
VanHaltren.....	New York.....	133	544	83	186	230	.342	7	25
Hartsell.....	Chicago.....	140	563	110	190	261	.339	3	46
Heidrick.....	St. Louis.....	115	498	94	169	224	.339	15	35
Flick.....	Philadelphia.....	138	542	111	182	270	.336	13	26
Crawford.....	Cincinnati.....	124	523	89	175	277	.334	4	12
Douglass.....	Philadelphia.....	47	171	16	57	64	.333	3	10
Beaumont.....	Pittsburg.....	132	555	118	182	226	.328	12	32
Wallace.....	St. Louis.....	135	556	69	179	252	.322	10	17
Greene.....	Chicago.....	132	530	82	168	225	.317	6	35
Clarke.....	Pittsburg.....	128	525	118	166	239	.316	13	22
Peitz.....	Cincinnati.....	73	267	24	84	110	.311	2	3
Daly.....	Brooklyn.....	132	519	87	161	226	.310	10	34
Kelley.....	Brooklyn.....	120	493	77	152	210	.309	4	20
Davis.....	New York.....	130	495	69	153	214	.309	5	26
Wolverton.....	Philadelphia.....	92	374	40	114	134	.308	6	13
DeMontreville.....	Boston.....	140	570	83	174	210	.305	24	23
Thomas.....	Philadelphia.....	128	482	99	147	157	.305	15	26
McCreery.....	Brooklyn.....	84	331	46	100	147	.302	1	19
Beckley.....	Cincinnati.....	140	590	80	177	254	.300	20	6
Nichols.....	Boston.....	46	157	16	47	80	.299	4	0
Leach.....	Pittsburg.....	93	375	62	112	149	.298	10	16
Ritchey.....	Pittsburg.....	140	543	66	162	191	.298	19	16
Donovan.....	St. Louis.....	29	524	91	154	188	.294	14	24
Farrell.....	Brooklyn.....	76	287	36	84	109	.293	2	7
McGuire.....	Brooklyn.....	84	297	28	87	109	.293	4	4
Bransfield.....	Pittsburg.....	139	565	92	105	227	.292	9	28
Hamilton.....	Boston.....	99	349	70	102	125	.292	9	19
Selbach.....	New York.....	125	507	89	148	194	.292	6	10
Strang.....	New York.....	135	491	55	143	174	.291	20	39
Davis.....	Brooklyn and Pittsburg.....	113	442	100	127	165	.289	9	27
Chance.....	Chicago.....	63	228	37	66	85	.289	4	30
McGann.....	St. Louis.....	113	426	72	113	161	.288	7	16
Hickman.....	New York.....	101	401	43	115	158	.287	0	6
Schriver.....	St. Louis.....	44	161	18	46	65	.286	7	2
Orth.....	Philadelphia.....	85	128	14	36	45	.281	0	3

OFFICIAL LEAGUE STATISTICS.
 BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	H.	T. B.	Per Cent.	S. H.	S. B.
Kitson	Brooklyn	32	128	22	36	48	.281	1	0
Dexter	Chicago	112	456	46	127	150	.278	5	23
Tenney	Boston	113	457	63	127	148	.278	17	11
McFarland	Philadelphia	72	291	33	81	103	.278	3	10
Dobbs	Cincinnati	108	428	70	118	150	.276	11	18
Kruger	St. Louis	142	529	78	145	187	.274	13	19
Jennings	Philadelphia	81	302	38	83	114	.274	8	13
White	Philadelphia	27	95	15	26	45	.273	7	11
Dolan	Chicago and Brooklyn	105	418	63	114	133	.272	5	20
Cooley	Boston	60	244	30	66	84	.270	8	11
McBride	Cincinnati and New York	92	378	46	102	130	.269	6	3
Harley	Cincinnati	133	542	69	145	173	.268	21	37
Yeager	Pittsburg	24	90	9	24	27	.267	4	1
Kling	Chicago	70	253	25	67	78	.266	3	7
Doheny	New York and Pittsburg	20	57	11	15	20	.263	0	1
Dahlen	Brooklyn	130	513	69	134	182	.261	7	23
Lowe	Boston	129	498	47	129	148	.259	8	19
P. Childs	Chicago and St. Louis	68	240	31	62	68	.258	3	5
C. L. Childs	Chicago	63	237	23	61	70	.257	1	3
Waddell	Chicago	32	102	16	26	41	.255	0	2
Padden	St. Louis	123	489	72	124	164	.253	10	24
Jacklitsch	Philadelphia	31	119	13	30	40	.252	0	3
Magoon	Cincinnati	128	465	48	117	151	.251	8	14
Menefee	Chicago	46	155	19	39	52	.251	7	3
Steinfeldt	Cincinnati	105	383	39	96	147	.250	10	7
Murphy	St. Louis	20	64	11	16	21	.250	1	0
Nichols	St. Louis	82	295	49	73	92	.247	10	11
Kittredge	Boston	113	389	24	96	114	.247	13	2
Doyle	Chicago	73	278	19	67	77	.241	2	11
Slagle	Philadelphia and Boston	113	437	55	105	122	.240	13	23
Warner	New York	77	284	19	69	79	.239	3	5
Phillips	Cincinnati	33	105	11	25	26	.238	1	0
Long	Boston	138	518	55	118	155	.238	15	19
Crolius	Boston	50	202	20	48	60	.238	3	4
Poole	Pittsburg	23	76	6	18	25	.237	0	1
Barry	Boston and Philadelphia	74	288	35	68	82	.236	12	13
Raymer	Chicago	118	463	41	108	127	.235	9	17
McCormick	Chicago	115	427	44	100	128	.234	4	13
Gatins	Brooklyn	49	196	20	45	59	.229	3	6
Tannehill	Pittsburg	40	140	18	32	44	.226	3	0
Irwin	Cincinnati and Brooklyn	131	503	50	113	148	.224	8	17
Zimmer	Pittsburg	67	239	16	53	66	.222	7	7
Ganzel	New York	139	526	41	116	141	.220	7	6
Ely	Pittsburg	62	232	19	51	61	.219	5	4
Murphy	Boston and New York	79	303	23	66	86	.218	6	7
Kahoe	Cincinnati and Chicago	69	252	21	55	74	.218	6	6
Bowerman	New York	52	180	20	39	50	.217	3	3
Taylor	Chicago	32	106	12	23	29	.217	2	0
Moran	Boston	53	185	12	40	53	.216	7	4
Mathewson	New York	37	128	10	28	30	.211	4	0
Richardson	St. Louis	15	52	7	11	19	.211	2	1
Gammons	Boston	26	90	11	19	20	.211	4	5
Phillippi	Pittsburg	33	109	11	23	31	.211	2	2

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	H.	T. B.	Per Cent.	S. H.	S. B.
Chesbro.....	Pittsburg.....	33	109	9	25	33	.210	4	0
Jones.....	New York.....	21	91	10	19	30	.209	0	1
Dineen.....	Boston.....	40	143	13	30	35	.209	4	0
O'Brien.....	Cincinnati.....	15	53	1	11	15	.208	0	0
Bey.....	Cincinnati.....	34	151	23	31	36	.205	4	5
Nelson.....	New York.....	36	122	10	25	27	.205	5	4
Donovan.....	Brooklyn.....	41	130	17	26	35	.200	8	2
O'Connor.....	Pittsburg.....	56	200	16	40	53	.200	6	3
Cross.....	Philadelphia.....	139	483	50	95	114	.197	7	22
Ryan.....	St. Louis.....	80	306	28	60	78	.196	13	5
Hallman.....	Philadelphia.....	122	443	46	85	108	.194	29	13
Willis.....	Boston.....	34	109	8	21	24	.192	3	1
Bernard.....	New York.....	19	73	12	14	19	.192	0	3
Corcoran.....	Cincinnati.....	30	114	13	21	25	.184	1	7
Fox.....	Cincinnati.....	44	164	9	30	34	.183	7	8
Hughes.....	Brooklyn.....	30	95	17	17	19	.178	5	0
Phyle.....	New York.....	20	65	8	12	15	.178	0	0
Delehanty.....	Chicago.....	16	63	4	11	15	.174	3	4
Hahn.....	Cincinnati.....	40	139	9	24	28	.173	4	0
Harper.....	St. Louis.....	36	116	13	20	26	.172	3	3
Bergen.....	Cincinnati.....	82	301	15	52	67	.172	10	2
Sudhoff.....	St. Louis.....	33	111	11	19	25	.171	2	0
Leever.....	Pittsburg.....	19	71	10	12	13	.169	2	1
Smith.....	New York.....	29	107	10	18	25	.168	1	3
Duggleby.....	Philadelphia.....	33	114	9	19	23	.166	3	2
Newton.....	Cincinnati and Brooklyn.....	33	110	10	18	20	.164	1	0
Powell.....	St. Louis.....	37	118	14	19	27	.161	9	0
Gannon.....	Chicago.....	15	63	2	10	10	.159	1	5
Smith.....	Boston and Pittsburg.....	22	77	6	12	16	.158	1	2
Eason.....	Chicago.....	25	87	4	12	13	.138	1	1
Miller.....	New York.....	18	59	3	8	8	.136	1	1
Taylor.....	New York.....	42	126	12	17	17	.125	1	0
Buelow.....	New York.....	19	71	3	8	12	.112	0	0
Pitinger.....	Boston.....	32	100	3	11	12	.110	2	1
Hughes.....	Chicago.....	33	119	7	13	14	.109	4	1
Townsend.....	Philadelphia.....	18	64	4	7	11	.109	0	1
Donahue.....	Philadelphia.....	34	113	11	11	13	.097	3	0
Stimmel.....	Cincinnati.....	20	62	1	5	7	.080	2	0



TO FIND THE BATTING RECORD—Divide the number of base-hits by the number of times at bat. Example: Burkett, in 1901, made 228 base-hits and was at bat 597 times; 228 divided by 597 equals .382.

TO FIND THE FIELDING RECORD—Divide the number of chances accepted by total chances. Example: Schriver, in 1901, had a total of 202 chances and accepted 200 (181 put-outs and 19 assists); 200 divided by 202 equals .990.

TO FIND THE BASE-RUNNING RECORD—Divide the bases stolen by the total games played in. Example: Wagner, in 1901, stole 48 bases and played in 141 games; 48 divided by 141 equals .340.

TO FIND THE STANDING OF THE CLUBS—Divide number of games won by games played. Example: Pittsburg, in 1901, won 90 games and lost 49 (not including drawn games); 90 divided by 139 equals .647.

FIELDING RECORD

FIRST BASEMEN.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per Cent.
Schriver.....	St. Louis.....	19	181	19	2	202	.990
McGann.....	St. Louis.....	113	1018	48	15	1081	.986
Ganzel.....	New York.....	139	1420	75	23	1518	.984
Dexter.....	Chicago.....	52	499	41	9	549	.983
Richardson.....	St. Louis.....	15	156	5	3	164	.981
Bransfield.....	Pittsburg.....	139	1368	47	27	1442	.981
Jennings.....	Philadelphia.....	78	725	39	15	779	.980
Beckley.....	Cincinnati.....	140	1353	69	32	1454	.978
Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	56	545	19	13	577	.977
Tenney.....	Boston.....	113	1069	87	28	1184	.976
Kelley.....	Brooklyn.....	115	982	81	27	1090	.975
Farrell.....	Brooklyn.....	18	149	10	4	163	.975
Doyle.....	Chicago.....	73	687	62	17	766	.973

SECOND BASEMEN.

Peitz.....	Cincinnati.....	19	50	52	2	104	.980
Hallman.....	Philadelphia.....	89	187	248	10	445	.977
Miller.....	New York.....	18	26	50	3	79	.962
DeMontreville.....	Boston.....	120	267	336	24	627	.961
Padden.....	St. Louis.....	115	283	338	29	650	.955
Lowe.....	Boston.....	18	52	51	5	108	.954
Fox.....	Cincinnati.....	44	106	134	12	252	.952
Daly.....	Brooklyn.....	131	369	358	38	765	.950
C. L. Childs.....	Chicago.....	63	151	192	20	363	.945
Ritchey.....	Pittsburg.....	140	341	386	43	770	.944
Strang.....	New York.....	37	59	94	10	163	.938
P. Childs.....	Chicago and St. Louis.....	67	139	201	23	363	.937
Steinfeldt.....	Cincinnati.....	50	139	133	22	294	.925
Barry.....	Boston and Philadelphia.....	36	77	90	18	185	.903
O'Brien.....	Cincinnati.....	15	36	38	9	83	.891
Nelson.....	New York.....	36	40	113	23	176	.869
Murphy.....	Boston and New York.....	24	36	62	18	117	.846

THIRD BASEMEN.

Davis.....	New York.....	17	27	45	2	74	.973
Hallman.....	Philadelphia.....	33	42	53	3	98	.969
Gatins.....	Brooklyn.....	45	56	63	7	126	.944
Wolverton.....	Philadelphia.....	92	113	188	26	327	.920
Lowe.....	Boston.....	111	149	191	31	371	.917
Irwin.....	Cincinnati and Brooklyn.....	131	174	246	38	458	.917
Leach.....	Pittsburg.....	90	120	187	31	338	.908
Steinfeldt.....	Cincinnati.....	55	61	126	19	206	.907
Wagner.....	Pittsburg.....	26	39	51	10	100	.900
Kreuger.....	St. Louis.....	142	178	271	52	501	.896
Dexter.....	Chicago.....	28	35	47	11	93	.881
Hickman.....	New York.....	16	24	34	10	78	.872
Delehanty.....	Chicago.....	16	22	31	8	61	.869
Raymer.....	Chicago.....	82	73	140	34	247	.862
DeMontreville.....	Boston.....	20	24	56	15	95	.842
Strang.....	New York.....	91	126	193	52	371	.859
Buelow.....	New York.....	17	16	41	10	67	.850

SHORTSTOPS.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per Cent.
Davis	New York	113	298	397	42	737	.943
Long	Boston	138	291	466	43	800	.941
Dahlen	Brooklyn	128	306	446	51	803	.936
Wallace	St. Louis	135	329	541	61	931	.934
Raymer	Chicago	28	49	82	10	141	.929
Cross	Philadelphia	139	347	449	60	856	.929
Ely	Pittsburg	62	107	211	26	344	.924
Corcoran	Cincinnati	30	72	106	15	193	.922
Wagner	Pittsburg	61	177	226	35	438	.920
Magoon	Chicago	114	253	342	52	647	.919
McCormick	Chicago	112	204	405	57	666	.914
Hickman	New York	22	48	69	17	134	.873

FIELDERS.

Gannon	Chicago	15	17	2	0	19	1.000
Keeler	Brooklyn	125	183	18	3	204	.985
Donovan	St. Louis	129	216	17	5	238	.979
Wagner	Pittsburg	54	83	2	2	87	.977
Thomas	Philadelphia	128	282	9	8	299	.973
Nichols	St. Louis	36	66	7	2	75	.973
Barry	Philadelphia and Boston	27	57	3	3	63	.968
Clarke	Pittsburg	127	283	14	10	307	.967
Bay	Cincinnati	34	78	4	3	85	.964
Hartsell	Chicago	140	280	15	12	307	.964
Flick	Philadelphia	138	275	92	12	309	.961
Delehanty	Philadelphia	82	178	5	8	191	.958
Dobbs	Cincinnati	101	191	12	9	212	.957
Sheekard	Brooklyn	120	287	17	14	318	.956
Davis	Brooklyn and Pittsburg	113	186	16	10	212	.952
Heidrick	St. Louis	115	255	13	14	288	.950
Selbach	New York	125	316	9	14	339	.947
McBride	Cincinnati and New York	92	147	16	9	172	.947
McCreery	Brooklyn	83	187	10	11	208	.947
Cooley	Boston	50	116	7	7	130	.946
VanHaltren	New York	133	259	24	18	301	.940
Beaumont	Pittsburg	132	289	7	19	315	.939
Murphy	New York and Boston	55	114	10	8	132	.939
Burkett	St. Louis	142	305	17	21	343	.939
Greene	Chicago	132	312	15	21	348	.939
Dexter	Chicago	19	29	1	2	32	.938
Menefee	Chicago	22	38	5	3	46	.935
Dolan	Chicago and Brooklyn	105	171	17	13	201	.935
Slagle	Boston and Philadelphia	113	196	21	15	232	.935
Chance	Chicago	48	63	7	5	75	.933
Hamilton	Boston	99	234	7	20	261	.923
Crawford	Cincinnati	124	208	20	20	248	.919
Hickman	New York	48	55	10	7	72	.903
Harley	Cincinnati	133	243	24	29	296	.902
Jones	New York	20	32	4	4	40	.900
Crollius	Boston	50	66	2	8	76	.895
Gammons	Boston	26	44	8	8	60	.866
Smith	Boston and Pittsburg	16	21	1	4	26	.846

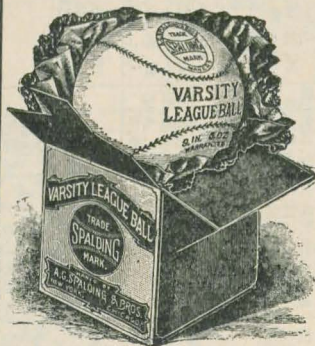
CATCHERS' RECORD.

NAME.	NAME.	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
Zimmer.....	Pittsburg.....	67	279	71	6	5	361	.969
Kittredge.....	Boston.....	113	568	133	14	11	726	.965
Ryan.....	St. Louis.....	62	293	79	8	6	386	.963
Bergen.....	Cincinnati.....	82	387	114	15	6	522	.959
Kahoe.....	Cincinnati and Chicago.	64	367	75	11	9	462	.956
Peitz.....	Cincinnati.....	50	264	60	9	7	340	.953
Douglass.....	Philadelphia.....	40	198	31	4	8	241	.950
O'Connor.....	Pittsburg.....	56	265	57	7	10	339	.949
McGuire.....	Brooklyn.....	82	418	100	16	14	548	.945
McFarland.....	Philadelphia.....	72	309	103	11	14	437	.943
Farrell.....	Brooklyn.....	58	255	87	8	14	384	.942
Warner.....	New York.....	77	364	103	14	16	497	.939
Schriver.....	St. Louis.....	25	91	43	4	6	144	.937
Moran.....	Boston.....	27	157	19	6	7	189	.931
Nichols.....	St. Louis.....	46	183	55	11	10	259	.919
Kling.....	Chicago.....	69	338	70	20	16	444	.919
Jacklitsch.....	Philadelphia.....	30	131	39	5	10	185	.918
Bowerman.....	New York.....	43	256	71	16	17	360	.908
Yeager.....	Pittsburg.....	19	80	16	3	7	106	.906
Smith.....	New York.....	25	107	22	7	13	149	.865

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON OF 1902

CLUBS, 1902	At Boston.	At Brooklyn	At New York	At Phil d'phia	At Cincinnati	At Chicago.	At Pittsburg.	At St. Louis.
Boston.....	April 17, 18 May 2, 3, 5 May 30, 31 July 18, 19	April 21, 22, 23 June 24, 25, 26 July 1, 2 Sept. 22, 23, 24	April 21, 22, 23 June 24, 25, 26 July 1, 2 Sept. 22, 23, 24	April 25, 26, 28, 29 Sept. 13, 15, 16 Sept. 27, 29, 30	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 18, 19	May 16, 17, 19, 20 July 4, 4, 5 Aug. 22, 23, 25	May 12, 13, 14, 15, July 14, 15, 16, 17, Aug. 26, 27	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 30, 21, 21
Brooklyn.....	April 19, 19, 30 May 1, June 28, 29, 26, 27, 28 Aug. 29, 30	April 21, 22, 23 June 24, 25, 26 July 1, 2 Sept. 22, 23, 24	April 21, 22, 23 June 24, 25, 26 July 1, 2 Sept. 22, 23, 24	April 21, 22, 23, 24 June 17, 18, 19 Oct. 2, 3, 4	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 20, 21	May 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 July 14, 15, 16 Aug. 24, 24	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 3, 4, 4, 5 Aug. 22, 23	May 16, 17, 18, 19 July 10, 11, 12, 13, Aug. 16, 17
New York.....	May 27, 28, 29 June 1, 2, 3, 4 Oct. 1, 2, 4	April 25, 28 June 20, 22 July 23, 24, 26 Sept. 13, 19, 27	April 25, 28, 29 June 20, 22 July 23, 24, 26 Sept. 13, 19, 27	April 18, 30 June 25, 26, 27 Sept. 25, 26	May 16, 17, 18, 19 July 14, 15, 16 Aug. 26, 27	May 7, 8, 9, 10, 25 July 7, 8, 13 Aug. 16, 17	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 19, 20, 21	May 11, 12, 13, 14 July 4, 4, 5, 6, Aug. 23, 24
Philadelphia.	June 20, 21, 23, 24 July 23, 24, 26 Sept. 18, 19, 20	May 27, 28, 29 June 30 July 1, 2, 21, 22 Sept. 22, 23	April 17, 19 May 1, 2, 3, 5 May 30, 30, 31 July 19	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1	May 12, 13, 14, 15 July 4, 4, 5 Aug. 22, 23, 25	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 17	May 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 16, 18	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 14, 15, 17 Aug. 26, 27
Cincinnati....	June 6, 7, 9 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 11 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 3, 4, 5 Aug. 2, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 10, 11, 12	June 13, 14, 16 Aug. 12, 13, 14 Sept. 3, 4, 5	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 6, 8, 9	May 12, 13, 14, 15 July 4, 4, 5 Aug. 22, 23, 25	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 17	May 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 16, 18	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 14, 15, 17 Aug. 26, 27
Chicago.....	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 3, 4, 5 Aug. 2, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 3, 4, 5	June 13, 14, 16 Aug. 12, 13, 14 Sept. 3, 4, 5	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 6, 8, 9	May 12, 13, 14, 15 July 4, 4, 5 Aug. 22, 23, 25	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 17	May 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 16, 18	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 14, 15, 17 Aug. 26, 27
Pittsburg.....	June 13, 14, 16 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 11 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 6, 7, 9 Aug. 2, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 3, 4, 5	June 3, 4, 5 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 11 Sept. 10, 11, 12	May 4, 5, 6, 11 June 28, 29 July 13, Aug. 24 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 17	May 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 16, 18	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 14, 15, 17 Aug. 26, 27
St. Louis.....	June 3, 4, 5 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 11 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 10, 11, 12 July 29, 30, 31 Aug. 1 Sept. 1, 1, 2	June 6, 7, 9 Aug. 2, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 3, 4, 5	June 3, 4, 5 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 11 Sept. 10, 11, 12	May 4, 5, 6, 11 June 28, 29 July 13, Aug. 24 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	May 21, 22, 23, 24 July 10, 11, 12 Aug. 16, 17	May 16, 17, 19, 20, 26 July 7, 8, 9 Aug. 16, 18	May 7, 8, 9, 10 July 14, 15, 17 Aug. 26, 27

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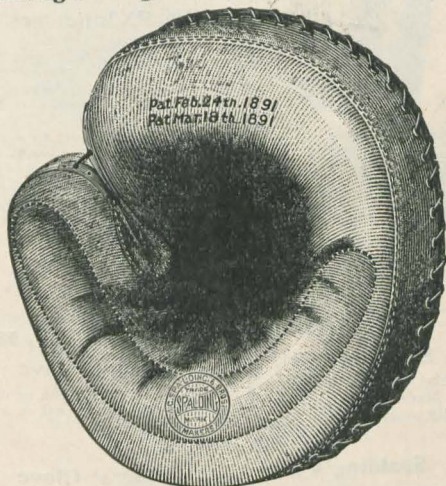
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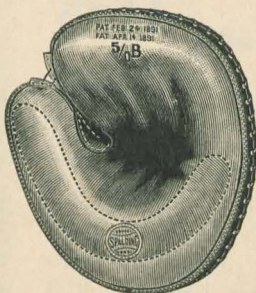
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